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## Permitting links

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Brooke,

It was a pleasure talking with you (and a relief). I hope we can get this done reasonably quick and painlessly.

This is the link to the permitting forms website. The form you would need to use is titled MR-SMO (Small Mining Operations.): [http://linux1.ogm.utah.gov/WebStuff/wwwroot/minerals/permit\\_forms.html](http://linux1.ogm.utah.gov/WebStuff/wwwroot/minerals/permit_forms.html)

For bonds, I suggest you start with this link to our bond FAQ page which might help explain the bonding issue: [http://linux1.ogm.utah.gov/WebStuff/wwwroot/minerals/bonding\\_facts.html](http://linux1.ogm.utah.gov/WebStuff/wwwroot/minerals/bonding_facts.html)

This is the link to the web page with the various bonding forms. It also contains the required small mining operation reclamation contract form, "MR-RC-SMO."

[http://linux1.ogm.utah.gov/WebStuff/wwwroot/minerals/bonding\\_forms.html](http://linux1.ogm.utah.gov/WebStuff/wwwroot/minerals/bonding_forms.html)

These web pages explain things pretty well, but not necessarily everything. If you have any specific bonding-related questions, I suggest you contact our bonding agent directly. Her name is Penny Berry, (801) 538-5291 ([pennyberry@utah.gov](mailto:pennyberry@utah.gov)). She only works with the bonding and can answer those questions a lot better than I can...

There are a number of other tabs on the web site you might want to look at as well, including the link to the Mining Rules, Utah Administrative Code R647. Every mine operator should be familiar with them.

Just so you'll be prepared, the current standard bond amount for a 10-acre small mining operation is \$56,900 for a 3-year escalation (good until 2017), or \$58,700 for a 5-year value (good until 2019). After either 3 or 5 years, a periodic escalation review is required by our rules. The choice is the operator's as to which one they want to do. Most choose the 5-year value so they don't have to do it so often.

The reclamation bond covers a situation where an operator abandons the site and leaves the State holding the bag. The bond amount hopefully covers the cost for the State to conduct the reclamation. If the state does the reclamation and the full amount is not used, the remainder is returned to the operator, if we can find them.

To be honest, it was a fortunate thing that you called, because the September 15 deadline stated in the Division Directive had passed and I was required to follow it up with a Cessation Order that I was in the process of writing up. I can put that on hold now. Issuing citations is a sometimes necessary part of my job that I don't really like to do. Thanks for calling, I can put that on hold.

Let me know if you have any problems accessing our web site. If you have any questions about the permit forms, please give me a call and I'll be happy to help you through it. Again, if you have specific questions on bonding, please contact Penny, she is really good at that stuff.

Thanks again.

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